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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WANG ET AL.

Examiner

Thao T. Tran

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 2004 and 14 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8,11,16-25,28 and 33-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8,11,16-25,28 and 33-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This is in response to the Amendments received on June 1, 2004 and April 14, 2004.
2. Claims 1-8, 11, 16-25, 28, and 33-38 are currently pending in this application. Claims 9-10, 12-15, 26-27, 29-32, and 39-64 have been canceled.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 1-8, 11, 16-25, 28, and 33-38 are objected to because of the following informalities: In each of claims 1, 11, 19, 21, 28, and 36, "poly[bis(2-chloroethyl)ether-alt-1,3-bis[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]urea" should be changed to --poly[bis(2-chloroethyl)ether-alt-1,3-bis[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]]urea--; and "quaternited" should be changed to --quaternized--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1- are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over King et al. (US Pat. 5,174,886) in view of Scott (US Pat. 4,749,449).

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King teaches a copper electroplating bath, comprising copper sulfate, sulfuric acid, a carrier, a brightener, and a leveler (see abstract; col. 3, ln. 55-57). King further teaches the carrier to be polyethylene and the brightener to be 3-mercapto-1-propanesulfonate (see col. 3, ln. 43-45, ln. 68, bridging col. 4, ln. 1). King also teaches the carrier to be about 0.2 to about 0.4 g/L; the leveler about 0.05 to 0.5 mg/L; and the brightener about 0.05 to about 0.5 mg/L (see col. 3, ln. 53; col. 4, ln. 14-16), which appears to read upon the instantly claimed ranges.

With respect to claims 1 and 21, King further teaches that the choice of brightening and the leveling additives is not critical (see col. 3, ln. 60-61). However, King does not teach the recited levelers or the carrier to be a polysaccharide as recited in the instantly claimed invention.

Scott teaches a copper-plating bath containing a mixture of water-soluble polymers such as polyacrylamides, starch, and cellulose (see col. 17, ln. 34-37; col. 18, ln. 16-29). Scott further teaches that these polymers are used as adjuvants in the metal plating bath (see col. 17, ln. 8-10).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to have employed the water soluble polymers, as taught by Scott, in the copper bath of King, as promoters for the purpose of enhancing the copper plating process.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 11, 19, 28, and 36 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: no prior art has been found to teach, disclose, or fairly suggest an acid copper plating bath

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comprising an organic compound as recited in the instant claims, in combination with all of the other limitations of claim 1 or claim 21.

Contact Information

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thao T. Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-1080. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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